

Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Amendments to an emergency interim rule implementing 2001 Steller sea lion protection measures (would delay season for Pacific Cod fisheries in the GOA and BSAI) (RIN0648-AO82) received on June 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2654. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of General Counsel, Office of the Secretary, received on June 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2655. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor of the Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, Office of the Secretary, received on June 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2656. A communication from the Attorney/Advisor of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, Office of the Secretary, received on June 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2657. A communication from the Division Chief of the Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking and Importing Marine Mammals: Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Construction and Operation of Offshore Oil and Gas Facilities in the Beaufort Sea" (RIN0648-AM09) received on June 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2658. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce and the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting jointly, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act: The Consumer Consent Provision in Section 101(c)(1)(C)(ii)"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2659. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Yellowfin Sole by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2660. A communication from the Acting Director of the Statutory Import Programs Staff, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Procedures for Florence Agreement Program" (RIN00625-AA47) received on June 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 2217: A bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 107-36).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ALLEN:

S. 1138. A bill to allow credit under the Federal Employees' Retirement System for certain Government service which has performed abroad after December 31, 1988, and before May 24, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REID:

S. 1139. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Lander County, Nevada, and the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to Eureka County, Nevada, for continued use as cemeteries; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BURNS, Mr. REID, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. BENNETT, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. THOMAS, and Mr. HUTCHINSON):

S. 1140. A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAMM (for himself, Mr. NICKLES, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1141. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat distributions from publicly traded partnerships as qualifying income of regulated investment companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1142. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the minimum tax preference for exclusion for incentive stock options; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CAMPBELL:

S. 1143. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of former President Ronald Reagan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 1144. A bill to amend title III of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 et seq.) to reauthorize the Federal Emergency Management Food and Shelter Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1145. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the work opportunity credit to encourage the hiring of certain veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD:

S. 1146. A bill to amend the Act of March 3, 1875, to permit the State of Colorado to use land held in trust by the State as open space; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. NICKLES:

S. 1147. A bill to amend title X and title XI of the Energy Policy Act of 1992; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 1148. A bill to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1149. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a new non-immigrant category for chefs and individuals in related occupations; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire:

S. 1150. A bill to waive tolls on the Interstate System during peak holiday travel periods; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN):

S. 1151. A bill to amend the method for achieving quiet technology specified in the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CORZINE, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. REID, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 1152. A bill to ensure that the business of the Federal Government is conducted in the public interest and in a manner that provides for public accountability, efficient delivery of services, reasonable cost savings, and prevention of unwarranted Government expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 1153. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to establish a grassland reserve program to assist owners in restoring and protecting grassland; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1154. A bill to preserve certain actions brought in Federal court against Japanese defendants by members of the United States Armed Forces held by Japan as prisoners of war during World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) (by request):

S. 1155. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 1156. A bill to amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to provide that low-speed electric bicycles are consumer products subject to such Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CLELAND, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Mr. REED, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1157. A bill to reauthorize the consent of Congress to the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact and to grant the consent of Congress to the Southern Dairy Compact, a Pacific Northwest Dairy Compact, and an